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**Rudi has very interesting contacts with Bratz and Braatz in Chile.
Here is his description.**

This family came first to Brazil (Blumenau), then, desperate with snakes, spiders, onças (like pumas) and mosquitoes, they sent a member to Chile to prospect for a more adequate site to live. He came back and told that he saw and touched snow, real snow. That was decisive for them to decide to move to Chile. They got some land here from government, but it was very poor. Therefore they moved to other parts of Chile. This family came to Pucon, near the Villarrica volcano.



Villarrica Volcano

In the same family, one carries one "a" and another the "aa".

Gustavo Bratz (who I did not meet, but who had and e-mail exchange with me two years ago) took the image (the same one I got from the Ohio source for one dollar about 37 years ago) of the coat of arms and made a reproduction in copper and gave it to his father.



Harro Bratz and Rudi, with copper Braatz Coat of Arms

I hope I motivated them to write about the family in Chile, to have a Chilean page at our site, and perhaps to have someone as volunteer for the DNA family project.

Ines Braatz is an aunt from Alfredo (she was not home as we went there, some 30 km outside Pucon) and lives close to a beautiful national park called Lago Tinquilco.



Roadway to Home of Ines Braatz



Harro and Rudi Braatz in Chile



Harro Braatz, Alfredo Braatz, Rudi Braatz, and Pedro Braatz

Harro and Alfredo are from Chile, visited by Rudi and his Son, Pedro, from Brazil.